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MEDIA BUREAU RECEIVES REQUEST BY ANALOG TELEVISION STATION IN THE LOWER 700 MHZ BAND TO CEASE ANALOG BROADCASTING, SURRENDER NTSC LICENSE, AND OPERATE AS A SINGLE CHANNEL, DIGITAL-ONLY TELEVISION STATION

In its Report and Order in GN Docket No. 01-74, the Commission adopted the reallocation of the 598-746 MHz Spectrum Band (television channels 52-59) from use by television broadcasters to new uses on a flexible basis. The Commission also stated that it would consider requests by incumbent broadcasters on channels 52-58 to voluntarily vacate their NTSC channels prior to the end of the DTV transition on a case-by-case basis.

The Media Bureau has received a request from Commonwealth Public Broadcasting Corporation, the licensee of analog noncommercial educational television station WNVT-TV, NTSC Channel 53, and permittee of digital television station WNVT-DT, DTV Channel 30, Goldvein, Virginia,³ for Commission authority to: (i) cease analog broadcasting on NTSC Channel 53 and surrender its license for the channel prior to the end of the DTV transition; and (ii) thereafter operate WNVT-DT as a single channel, digital-only television station on DTV Channel 30. This request is available for inspection at the Commission's Reference Center, 455 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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¹ See Reallocation and Service Rules for the 698-746 MHz Spectrum Band (Television Channels 52-59), GN Docket No. 01-74, 17 FCC Rcd 1022 (2002).

² Id. at 1095-96.

³ Facility ID 10019.